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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re NEW PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Oliver HERICOURT et al. )  
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Appln. No. : Unknown )  
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Filed : Herewith )  
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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD )  
FOR DOWNLOADING A )  
VIRUS-FREE FILE )  
CERTIFICATE FROM A )  
FILE SERVER )  
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Atty. Dkt. : FR9-1999-0112-US1 )

**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8 and 18 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) A method, for use in a client system [(100)], for downloading from a file  
2 server [(101)] a file and an associated virus-free certificate [(200)] certifying that the file  
3 is virus-free, comprising the steps of :  
4 • sending [(401)] a request to a file server for a virus-free certificate associated with  
5 a file to download from said file server, said request comprising one or a plurality  
6 of requirements [(301...307)] for said virus-free certificate;

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